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COMMENT SOUGHT ON LIGADO'S REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION INITIATE A RULEMAKING TO ALLOCATE THE 1675-1680 MHZ BAND FOR TERRESTRIAL MOBILE USE SHARED WITH FEDERAL USE

## **Extension of Reply Comment Deadline**

## RM-11681

Extended Reply Comment Filing Deadline: August 11, 2016

On April 22, 2016, the International Bureau and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a Public Notice<sup>1</sup> seeking to update and refresh the record on LightSquared Subsidiary LLC's (LightSquared) November 2, 2012 petition for rulemaking.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, the Bureaus invited public comment on additional submissions in this proceeding by LightSquared and its controlling U.S. parent New LightSquared LLC (hereinafter Ligado, its new name).<sup>3</sup> The Public Notice specified a reply comment deadline of July 21, 2016.

On July 13, 2016, Ligado requested an extension until August 11, 2016, for the filing of reply comments.<sup>4</sup> Ligado states that a three-week extension would provide it with more time to understand the concerns of the more than 35 commenters in the proceeding and would provide commenters with additional time to understand the specific proposal in the Petition.<sup>5</sup> Ligado also notes that the American

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Comment Sought to Update the Record on Ligado's Request that the Commission Initiate a Rulemaking to Allocate the 1675-1680 MHz Band for Terrestrial Mobile Use Shared with Federal Use, Public Notice, RM-11681 (WTB, IB Apr. 22, 2016)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Petition of LightSquared Subsidiary LLC for Rulemaking (filed Nov. 2, 2012) (Petition). The Petition requested that the Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding to allocate the 1675-1680 MHz band for non-federal terrestrial mobile use on a shared basis with federal users.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> We note that LightSquared emerged from bankruptcy in December 2015. See Applications of LightSquared Subsidiary LLC, Debtor-in-Possession, and LightSquared Subsidiary LLC For Consent to Assign and Transfer Licenses and Other Authorization and Request for Declaratory Ruling on Foreign Ownership, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Declaratory Ruling, FCC 15-164, 30 FCC Rcd 13988 (2015). Beginning in December 2015, filings by these entities in this docket have been submitted by "New LightSquared" until its rebranding as Ligado Networks LLC (Ligado) on February 10, 2016. See Ligado Networks press release, available at <a href="http://ligado.com/press-release/ligado-networks-launches-with-goal-to-expand-delivery-of-next-generation-mobile-connectivity">http://ligado.com/press-release/ligado-networks-launches-with-goal-to-expand-delivery-of-next-generation-mobile-connectivity</a>. Prior to December 2015, filings were made by LightSquared, and continue to be so referenced.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ligado Networks LLC, Motion for Extension of Time, RM-11681 (filed July 13, 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Id. at 1.

Meteorological Society meeting will take place next week.<sup>6</sup>

While it is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted, we agree with Ligado that a brief extension for the filing of reply comments will facilitate the development of a complete record. We therefore grant Ligado's request.

Action by the Chief, International Bureau and the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 47 CFR § 1.46(a).